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SUBGROUP ON NATURAL URANIUM; AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS
ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING

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1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO JULY 25.
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ENERGY AFFAIRS COSTA ALSO PRESENT.

2. MIGLIUOLO STATED THAT, WHILE GOI WOULD PREFER MORE THAN
ONE WEEK BETWEEN MEETINGS OF SUBGROUP/AD-HOC DISCUSSION GROUP
AND EWG SESSION, GOI COULD AGREE TO SUBGROUP ON NATURAL URAN-
IUM AND AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS ON ENRICHED URANIUM AND CHEMICAL
REPROCESSING MEETINGS BEGINNING AUGUST 25 AND ONE-DAY EWG
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3 IN WASHINGTON. AUGUST 25 AND SEPTEMBER
3 DATES CABLED TO ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR TRANS-
MITTAL TO DEPARTMENT.

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3. MIGLIUOLO INDICATED GOI REPS WOULD COME FULLY PREPARED

DISCUSS ITALIAN NEEDS, PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR NATURAL URANIUM, URANIUM ENRICHMENT (INCLUDING STATUS ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS WITH US, USSR AND EURODIF) AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING. HE AGREED THAT TOPICS FOR NATURAL URANIUM SUBGROUP SHOULD BE THOSE UNDER QTE NATURAL URANIUM UNQTE IN PARA (8) REFTEL AND THAT TOPICS FOR AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE THOSE UNDER QTE URANIUM ENRICHMENT UNQTE AND QTE CHEMICAL REPROCESSING UNQTE. ITALIAN DELEGATION MAY WISH FURTHER DISCUSSION OF US LEGAL CONSTRAINTS ON ENRICHMENT/REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

4. MIGLIUOLO ACCEPTED QTE IN PRINCIPLE UNQTE OFFER TO VISIT ERDA FIELD OFFICE AT GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, SUBJECT CONFIRMATION BY TECHNICIANS WHO WILL ACTUALLY BE MAKING TRIP. WHILE GOI INTENDED EWG TO SERVE AS GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENT, MIGLIUOLO SAID IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL FOR APPROPRIATE ITALIAN REPS MEET WITH PRIVATE US COMPANIES POTENTIALLY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FUTURE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. (SINCE HIS RESPONSE NOT CLEAR-CUT, EMBASSY WILL CHECK AGAIN AFTER ITALIAN REPS HAVE HAD TIME TO REFLECT.)

5. INTER-MINISTERIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CIPE) NOW CONSIDERING FINANCIAL ASPECTS ENEL NUCLEAR PROGRAM, ACCORDING MIGLIUOLO. HE EXPECTS CIPE APPROVAL SOMETIME THIS WEEK, AT WHICH TIME HE PROMISED PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FINANCIAL PLAN. HE REGRETS DELAY, BUT BELIEVES IT BETTER FOR USG HAVE APPROVED PLAN RATHER THAN WORKING DOCUMENT.

6. AFTER LOOKING OVER PROPOSED EWG AGENDA (PARA 8 REFTEL), MIGLIUOLO SAID IT APPEARED SATISFACTORY. MFA WILL CONTACT EMBASSY IF CHANGES ARE DESIRED.

7. MIGLIUOLO UNDERSTANDS THAT HEADS OF DELEGATION LUNCHEON PRECLUDES WORKING LUNCH WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS DURING JULY 28 IEA GB MEETING IN PARIS. VOLPE

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